

Florida all Cattle & Calves Top Ten Counties, 2017

	head
Okeechobee	185,000
Highlands	125,000
Osceola	97,000
Polk	94,000
Hardee.....	71,000
Hendry.....	67,000
DeSoto - Glades.....	64,000
Suwannee	53,000
Marion	48,000

Florida Beef Cow Numbers Top Twelve Counties, 2017

	head
Okeechobee	81,000
Highlands	70,000
Osceola - Polk.....	61,000
Hardee.....	34,500
DeSoto	34,000
Marion	28,000
Hillsborough	23,000
Columbia	22,500
Alachua - Jackson.....	22,000
Pasco	19,900

United States Beef Cow Numbers Top Thirteen States, Jan. 1, 2017

	head
Texas.....	4,460,000
Oklahoma.....	2,095,000
Missouri	2,052,000
Nebraska.....	1,920,000
South Dakota.....	1,664,000
Kansas	1,570,000
Montana	1,486,000
Kentucky.....	1,023,000
Iowa.....	965,000
North Dakota	954,000
Arkansas	914,000
Tennessee.....	909,000
Florida	903,000

Florida Cattle

Florida ranked 13th in beef cows on January 1, 2017, with an inventory of 908,000, 2.9 percent of the U.S. total.

The 2016 calf crop totaled 810,000, which was 16th in the nation and 2.3 percent of the U.S. total.

Florida ranked 13th in cow inventory in 2017 with 1,040,000 head, which was 2.6 percent of the U.S. total.

Florida milk cow inventory totaled 122,000 in 2017, which was the 19th in the nation and 1.3 percent of the U.S. total.

Dairy operations in Florida produced 2.50 billion pounds of milk in 2016, averaging 20,350 pounds per cow. Florida produced 1.2 percent of the U.S. total.

Florida Cattle Facts



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FLORIDA CATTLE AND CALVES
Cattle and calves on farms, January 1, 1997-2017

Year	Cattle kept for milk			Beef cattle and all calves						Total cattle and calves	
	Milk cows ¹	Heifers 500 lbs and over ²	Total	Beef cows ¹	Bulls ³	Replace-ment heifers ⁴	Other heifers	Steers	Calves under 500 pounds ³		
(1,000 head)											
1997	158	40	198	1,072	70	155	25	40	410	1,772	1,970
1998	160	40	200	1,010	65	145	25	40	385	1,670	1,870
1999	157	40	197	983	60	145	25	35	385	1,633	1,830
2000	156	40	196	994	60	145	25	25	385	1,634	1,830
2001	155	40	195	975	60	145	25	20	380	1,605	1,800
2002	152	40	192	958	60	140	25	25	380	1,588	1,780
2003	147	40	187	953	60	130	25	25	370	1,563	1,750
2004	140	40	180	950	60	140	20	20	370	1,560	1,740
2005	138	40	178	932	60	145	20	20	355	1,532	1,710
2006	134	40	174	916	60	140	20	20	350	1,506	1,680
2007	130	30	160	950	60	145	30	20	365	1,570	1,730
2008	120	35	155	940	60	135	30	20	370	1,555	1,710
2009	118	35	153	942	60	130	25	20	370	1,547	1,700
2010	112	30	142	958	60	125	25	30	380	1,578	1,720
2011	114	35	149	936	60	100	25	20	340	1,486	1,630
2012	120	30	150	970	60	110	30	20	370	1,555	1,710
2013	123	30	153	977	60	110	20	20	360	1,547	1,700
2014	123	35	159	907	60	115	30	25	375	1,512	1,670
2015	124	35	159	906	60	130	30	25	370	1,521	1,680
2016	125	40	165	905	55	125	25	25	380	1,515	1,680
2017	122	35	157	908	60	125	30	30	390	1,543	1,700

¹ Cows and heifers that have calved.

² Milk replacement heifers which have not calved.

³ Includes small number for dairy use.

⁴ Beef replacement heifers which have not calved.

FLORIDA CATTLE AND CALVES
Inventory January 1, annual calf crop, and disposition, 1997-2017

Year	On hand January 1		Calf crop	Inship-ments	Marketings ²			Farm slaughter cattle and calves ³	Deaths
	All cattle and calves	All cows ¹			Total	Cattle	Calves		
(1,000 head)									
1997	1,970	1,230	980	30	1,042	261	781	2	66
1998	1,870	1,170	960	66	997	231	766	2	67
1999	1,830	1,140	960	80	962	241	721	2	76
2000	1,830	1,150	950	70	982	271	711	2	66
2001	1,800	1,130	940	60	948	261	687	2	70
2002	1,780	1,110	930	60	958	281	677	2	60
2003	1,750	1,100	920	60	929	267	662	2	59
2004	1,740	1,090	900	75	944	263	681	2	59
2005	1,710	1,070	880	65	913	261	652	2	60
2006	1,680	1,050	910	130	929	228	701	2	59
2007	1,730	1,080	900	107	962	241	721	2	63
2008	1,710	1,060	880	120	947	246	701	2	61
2009	1,700	1,060	900	121	942	231	711	2	57
2010	1,720	1,070	870	88	992	301	691	2	54
2011	1,630	1,050	890	94	842	231	611	2	60
2012	1,710	1,090	880	93	912	281	631	2	69
2013	1,700	1,100	830	87	892	271	621	1	54
2014	1,670	1,030	820	64	812	251	561	1	61
2015	1,680	1,030	800	63	787	236	551	1.5	65
2016	1,680	1,030	810	51	783	222	561	1.5	57
2017	1,700	1,030	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

NA Not available.

¹ Cows and heifers that have calved.

² Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State outshipments, but excludes inter-farm sales within States.

³ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.